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Bio/abio Interfaces and Applications

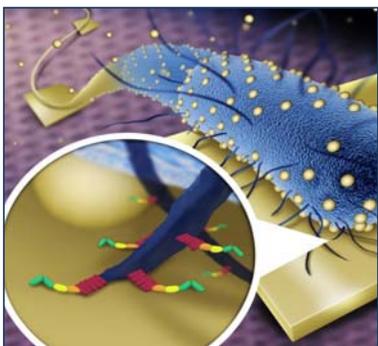


S&T Campaign: Materials Research Biological and Bio-inspired

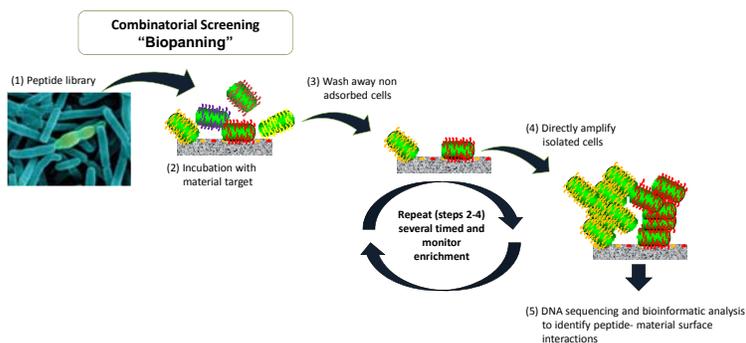
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Research Objectives

Develop comprehensive experiment and computational discovery tools for peptide-directed hard-soft (i.e., bio/abio) Interfaces



Conceptual diagram of living bio-hybrid interface



ARL Facilities and Capabilities Available to Support Collaborative Research

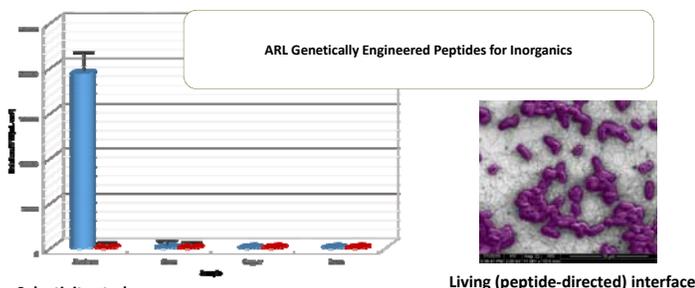
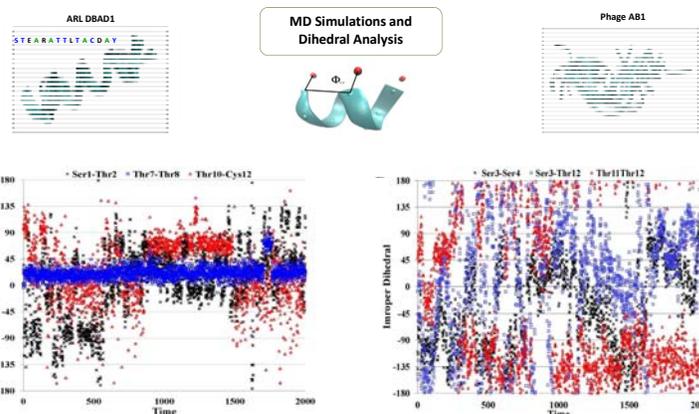
- Facilities & expertise for discovery, custom engineering, and study of peptides via bacterial cell surface display
- Specialized modeling and simulation tools for bio-bio and bio-abio interactions including using secure DOD High Performance Computing Facilities

Complementary Expertise/ Facilities/ Capabilities Sought in Collaboration

- Postdoctoral researcher(s), students, visiting scientist opportunities
- Biofilm expertise and device/microfluidic expertise to collaborate on switchable cell adhesion studies
- Potential collaborations in living materials (e.g., living paints, anti-corrosives, self-healing materials)
- Potential collaborations with researchers with complementary experimental/computational tools for studying bio/abio interfaces

Challenges

- Understanding structure-function relationships originating from complex, multi-mode interactions
- Next generation tools for study and discovery of bio-hybrid materials under Army-relevant environments
- Discovery of selective peptide and peptide-directed bacterial systems for programmable bio/abio interfaces



Recent Related ARL Publications

"Genetically Engineered Peptides for Inorganics: Study of an Unconstrained Bacterial Display Technology and Bulk Aluminum Alloy" *Adv. Mater.*, **2013**, 25 (33), 4530.

"Selective preference of engineered peptides for aluminum alloy," *Emerging Materials Research*, **2015** Vol 4 (2), 297-310. June 2015

"METHOD AND USE FOR SURFACE DISPLAY OF PROTEINS AND PEPTIDE DERIVATIVES IN A BACTERIAL THERMOPHILE" filed on: **8/28/2015**, S/N 14/838,392